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Our normal business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our offices are closed for holidays designated by the State.

DESIGNATED STATE HOLIDAYS FOR 2010

Independence Day	July 5, 2010
Labor Day	September 6, 2010
Veterans Day	November 11, 2010
Thanksgiving Day	November 25-26, 2010
Christmas Eve	December 24, 2010
Christmas Day & Day After Christmas	December 27-28, 2010
(Proposed observance)	

VISIT US ON OUR WEB SITE: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/

The Board of Nursing Web site contains the Nurse Practice Act, Regulations, Compact Information, Advisory Opinions, Licensee Lookup, Disciplinary Actions, and other information.

From the Desk of the ADMINISTRATOR

Joan K. Bainer, RN, MN, NE BC, Board Administrator



The South Carolina State Board of Nursing marked the 100th anniversary of regulation on Feb. 23, 2010. The Board will be recognized for this centennial milestone at the National Council State Boards of Nursing annual meeting in Portland, Ore., in August 2010.

Many talented and dedicated people, nurses and non-nurses, assisted in promulgating regulations over the years to help the Board fulfill its mission of assuring the safe and effective practice

of nursing in South Carolina. In addition, other disciplines, associations and states have assisted the Board of Nursing in formulating best practices.

Why is regulation so important? Because regulation provides consistent and solid guidelines for practice, licensing and discipline. Regulation also sets forth requirements for approval of nursing education programs. Regulation ultimately protects the public, as policies, procedures and specific practice decisions are based on

regulation. The regulation for nursing, Chapter 33, the Nurse Practice Act, can be accessed at www.llr.sc/pol/nursing/ on the Board of Nursing's Web page. Click on LAWS on the left and then Chapter 33 for easy access and printing of the document.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding regulation, e-mail nurseboard@llr.sc.gov, and you will receive a written response.

Congratulations South Carolina State Board of Nursing for a job well done.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Section 40-33-38 (C) of the South Carolina Nurse Practice Act requires that all licensees notify the Board in writing within 15 days of any address change. So that you do not miss important time-sensitive information, such as your renewal notice and audit notice or other important licensure information, please be sure to notify the Board immediately whenever you change addresses. Failure to notify the Board of an address change may result in a public reprimand and \$500 civil penalty. You may change your address online utilizing the address change form under Online Services found on the Board's Web site: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

Are you an APRN, RN or LPN
working as a Medication
Tech or Unlicensed Assistive
Personnel? Know the rules....

Due to limited nursing resources, many nurses are being asked to work as an unlicensed nurse in many settings across the state. While the nurse may need to have this job description change as requested by the employer, the South Carolina State Board of Nursing cautions you that you, the nurse, will still be held to the highest licensure standard that you possess.

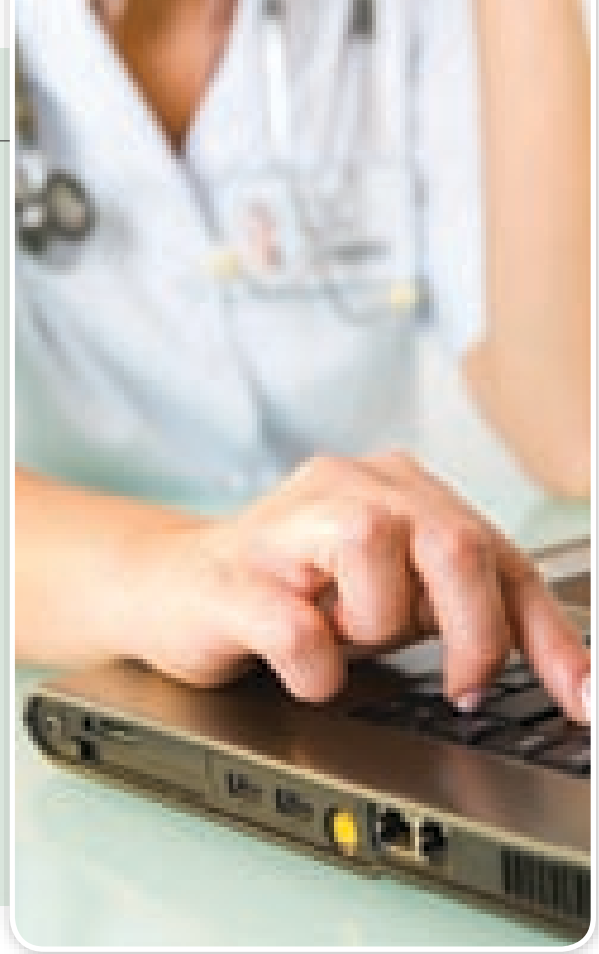
In addition, the nurse cannot utilize these practice hours when renewing his or her license, Option 4, on the renewal form, as this does not constitute nursing practice. Contact hours could be obtained to maintain your licensure.



NAME CHANGE ON NURSING LICENSE

If you have had a legal name change, please submit your written request along with a copy of the legal document(s) (copy of marriage certificate, divorce degree, court order, etc.) to the LLR Office of Licensure and Compliance, P. O. Box 12517, Columbia, SC 29211. Please indicate in your request whether you will use your middle name or maiden name for your middle initial or if you wish to hyphenate your name. For example, if Jane Ann Doe marries John Smith, will she use Jane Ann Smith or Jane Doe Smith? Or Jane Ann Doe Smith? Or Jane Ann Doe-Smith? Your request will be processed within five business days of receipt in our offices and will be reflected on Licensee Lookup within three to five business days after the change is made.

You may verify that your name change request has been processed on Licensee Lookup on our Web site (www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/). When utilizing Licensee Lookup, you do not have to enter complete names. For example, "J" and "Smith" will search for records with a last name of "Smith" and a first name beginning with "J." Please refer to Section 04-33-36(B) of the Nurse Practice Act regarding statutory requirements for your name on your license. You may view the Nurse Practice Act -Chapter 33 located under Law/Policies on our Web site.



REQUEST FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES TO SERVE ON H3393 COMMITTEE

House bill 3393 was approved during this legislative session. The following information is noted as related to the bill and the responsibilities of the South Carolina State Board of Nursing:

- H3393 requires the establishment of a protocol authorizing pharmacists to administer flu vaccines without an order of a practitioner.
- The need to establish a Joint Pharmacist Administered Influenza Vaccines Committee comprised of two physicians selected by the Board of Medical Examiners, two pharmacists selected by the Pharmacy Board and two advanced practice registered nurses selected by the Board of Nursing.
- The committee shall meet at least once annually and at other times as necessary.
- The committee shall assist and advise the



Board of Medical Examiners in establishing a written protocol for the purpose of authorizing pharmacists to administer influenza vaccines without an order from a practitioner.

Therefore, the South Carolina State Board of Nursing is requesting advanced practice registered nurses interested in

serving on this committee to submit the following information for consideration as a committee member:

- A cover letter stating your request and a notation regarding your practice experience related to vaccines.
- Copy of your curriculum vitae or resume.

Many thanks for your kind attention to this matter.

Please forward all documents to:
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PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAMS

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Aiken, SC 29802
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Applied Technology Education Campus

Web site: www.atec.kcsdschools.com
874 Vocational Lane
Camden SC 29020
(803) 425-8982

Central Carolina Technical College

Web site: www.cctech.edu
506 North Guignard Drive
Sumter SC 29150
(803) 778-1961

Cherokee Technology Center

Web site: www.cherokee1.k12.sc.us/ctc/index.htm
3206 Cherokee Avenue
Gaffney SC 29340
(864) 206-6022

Denmark Technical College

Web site: www.denmarktech.edu
500 Solomon Blatt Blvd
P O Box 327
Denmark SC 29042
803-793-5176

ECPI College of Technology

Web site: www.ecpi.edu
1001 Keys Drive #100
Greenville SC 29615
(864) 288-2828

Florence-Darlington Technical College

Web site: www.fdtc.edu
320 West Cheves Street
P O Box 100548
Florence SC 29502
(843) 661-8324

Greenville Technical College

Web site: www.gvltec.edu
620 South Pleasantburg Drive
P O Box 5616
Greenville SC 29606
(864) 250-8382

Horry-Georgetown Technical College

Web site: www.hgtc.edu
Grand Strand Campus
743 Hemlock Avenue
Myrtle Beach, SC 29557
(843) 477-0808

Marion County Technical Education Center

Web site: www.mctec.org
2697 East Hwy 76
P O Box 890
Marion SC 29571
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Web site: www.midlandstech.edu
1260 Lexington Avenue
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Columbia SC 29202
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Northeastern Technical College

Web site: www.netc.edu
1201 Chesterfield Highway
P O Drawer 1007
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Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

Web site: www.octech.edu
3250 Saint Matthews Road
Orangeburg SC 29118
(803) 535-1354

Piedmont Technical College

Web site: www.ptc.edu
620 North Emerald Street
P O Box 1467
Greenwood SC 29648
(864) 941-8724

Technical College of the Lowcountry

Web site: www.tcl.edu
921 Ribaut Road
P O Box 1288
Beaufort SC 29901
(843) 525-8267

Tri-County Technical College

Web site: www.tctc.edu
7900 Highway 76
P O Box 587
Pendleton SC 29670
(864) 646-1343

Trident Technical College

Web site: www.tridenttech.edu/nursing.htm
7000 Rivers Avenue
P O Box 118067
Charleston SC 29423
(843) 574-6138

Williamsburg Technical College

Web site: www.wiltech.edu
601 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue
Kingstree SC 29556
(843) 355-4110

York Technical College

Web site: www.yorktech.com
452 South Anderson Road
Rock Hill SC 29730
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P O Drawer 696
Aiken SC 29802
(803) 593-9954 Ext. 1491

Central Carolina Technical College

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Spartanburg Community College

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Technical College of the Low Country

Web site: www.tcl.edu

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York Technical College/USC Lancaster

Web site: www.yorktech.com

452 South Anderson Road
Rock Hill SC 29730
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Bob Jones University

Web site: www.bju.edu
1700 Wade Hampton Blvd.
Greenville SC 29614
(864) 242-5100 Ext. 2250

Charleston Southern University

Web site: www.csuniv.edu
Derry Patterson Wingo School of Nursing
9200 University Blvd
P O Box 118087
Charleston SC 29423
(843) 863-7075

Clemson University

Web site: www.clemson.edu/hehd/nursing
510 Edwards Hall
Clemson SC 29634
(864) 656-7622

Francis Marion University

Web site: www.fmarion.edu
4822 East Palmetto Street
P O Box 100547
Florence SC 29501
(843) 661-1690

Lander University

Web site: www.lander.edu/nursing
320 Stanley Avenue
Greenwood SC 29649
(864) 388-8337

Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing

Web site: www.musc.edu/nursing
99 Jonathan Lucas Street
P O Box 250160
Charleston SC 29425
(843) 792-3941

Newberry College

Web site: www.newberry.edu
2100 College Street
Newberry SC 29108
(803) 321-5010

South Carolina State University

Web site: www.scsu.edu
300 College Street, NE
P O Box 7158
Orangeburg SC 29117
(803) 533-3678

South University

Web site: www.southuniversity.edu
9 Science Court
Columbia, SC 29203
(803) 799-9082

University of South Carolina-Aiken

Web site: www.usca.edu/nursing
471 University Parkway
Aiken SC 29801
(803) 641-3263

University of South Carolina –Beaufort

Web site: www.uscb.edu
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Bluffton, SC 29909
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Web site: www.sc.edu/nursing
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E-mail UPDATE

Want to receive updated information in the most time effective way? Make sure you let us know of any e-mail changes so that we can update your records. The S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR), including the Board of Nursing, is utilizing e-blasts to get information out to our licensees. The LLR Ledger is sent to licensees on a quarterly basis. This document includes important information on nursing as well as other areas of our agency such as Labor, OSHA, Fire Marshal and other licensing boards.

You may update your e-mail address by logging in under Online Services on our Web site - <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/>. The user ID and password are the same as used for renewal. If you do not remember your user ID and password, click below the sign on information. You will be asked to provide information to verify your identity and receive your information. After logging in, you will have the option to change your address. The bottom of the screen has the e-mail address currently on file with our office. If there is a change, just click on update and make the correction.

LLR STREAMLINES SERVICES TO BE MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE



The S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) has made several internal organizational changes in the Professional and Occupational Licensing (POL) Division over the past year in an effort to reduce costs, streamline processes, achieve consistency among the professional and occupational boards, and to provide a higher quality of customer service to our licensees and other customers.

These more efficient processes were put in place in 2008 after LLR requested the Budget and Control Board's Office of Human Resources look at the way the boards were conducting business and find ways to be more effective with their resources and services.

"The restructuring of state agencies in 1994 created LLR and brought the professional and occupational licensing boards under one department," Director Adrienne Youmans said. "Restructuring gave us the unique opportunity to bring those individual boards together so we could streamline processes the boards have in common, thus saving money and

becoming more efficient. In turn, we have been able to provide our licensees and the public with a higher level of customer service and protection."

The POL Division is made up of three offices which provide services to the boards, its customers and the public: the Office of Board Services (OBS); the Office of Licensure and Compliance; and the Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE).

The Office of Business Services was established on Jan. 1, 2010, to provide day-to-day services to the 42 licensing boards and commissions housed in LLR's Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing. Assistant Deputy Director Randall Bryant has been given the job of managing the Office of Business Services. Within this Office, the internal responsibility for the boards has been divided into two groups, the health and medically related boards, and the business and building boards.

"The establishment of the Office of Business Services will allow the day-to-day operations of board business to be more uniform, efficient and effective," Bryant said. "It also will help better protect the public, which is our primary goal."

The Office of Licensure and Compliance (OLC) was established July 1, 2008, to consolidate processes dealing with initial licensure applicants, renewal applicants, and licensees requiring compliance with board orders. This office is responsible for licensing and renewing the activities of more than 130 professions and occupations with a license base of more

than 250,000 individuals and businesses.

Assistant Deputy Director David Christian says the creation of the Office of Licensure and Compliance has enhanced services to boards and provided a more effective manner to process licensure applications.

"OLC provides a platform to establish consistent procedures," he said. "In addition, we are able to achieve even greater efficiency as we absorb all of the boards and fully implement the agency's new licensure management system."

The Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE), which was created on July 1, 2004, is responsible for investigating complaints involving a possible violation of a professional or occupational practice act. The Office also investigates labor complaints for wage disputes and child labor.

Assistant Deputy Director Rion Alvey noted that by forming one office and centralizing the investigative expertise of all LLR boards, the efficiency and effectiveness of the investigative process has greatly improved. "The number of completed investigations has almost doubled since the inception of OIE," he stated.

In addition, a Customer Care Center (CCC) was established in 2008 to serve as a central contact point for licensees and other members of the public. The CCC staff answers questions regarding licensing requirements, status of applications, continuing education requirements and other licensing issues. The CCC also answers general questions

regarding agency programs and serves as a resource for LLR's internal customers.

"Our mission is to continuously improve the quality and effectiveness of customer service provided by LLR, while at the same time allowing staff members in the licensing and program areas to perform their duties more efficiently and effectively," CCC Director Lesia Kudelka said. "We have highly-trained Customer Care Center representatives who are committed to providing all of the agency's customers – internal and external – with timely and accurate information and quality service."

For more information on LLR programs, please visit the Web site at www.llronline.com.

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BOARD and COMMITTEE MEETINGS

BOARD OF NURSING MEETINGS

January 28-29, 2010 (Cancelled)

March 25-26, 2010

May 20-21, 2010

July 29-30, 2010

September 30-October 1, 2010

November 18-19, 2010

ADVANCED PRACTICE COMMITTEE (APC)

February 5, 2010

May 7, 2010

August 6, 2010

November 5, 2010

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NURSING (ACON)

February 16, 2010

April 20, 2010 (Cancelled)

June 15, 2010 (Cancelled)

August 31, 2010

October 19, 2010

December 7, 2010

NURSING PRACTICE & STANDARDS COMMITTEE (NPSC)

January 14, 2010

April 8, 2010

July 8, 2010

October 14, 2010

REQUEST FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF NURSING FOR PARTICIPATION IN PANEL HEARINGS

If you are interested in applying for a voluntary position on a panel hearing, please complete the nomination form located on the South Carolina State Board of Nursing's Web site at www.llr.sc.us/pol/nursing/. On the left side of the page, click on Applications and then scroll to the nomination form. Please include your curriculum vitae or resume with the application. You will only be notified if you are chosen for the position.

The role of the panel hearing participants is very important, as licensure decisions are made by the Board of Nursing based on recommendations of the panel. Appropriate panel members are then notified of a pending hearing based on experience, practice setting and geographic areas.

Your volunteerism is very much appreciated by the Board of Nursing.

A URINE DRUG SCREEN FOR A PATIENT?

Sometimes a patient may state that he/she may not have been receiving pain medication or that his/her pain is unrelieved by the pain medication administered to them by the nurse. As a nurse and a patient advocate, you need to consider if the patient is really receiving the medication as noted on the medication administration record and the narcotic sheet.

With a doctor's order, you may acquire the patient's urine for a drug screen to validate the pain medication is being given as ordered, and perform a urine drug screen on the patient's nurse concurrently if you suspect diversion of narcotics per your facility's policy.

The nurse responsible for the internal investigation has an obligation to report his/her findings within 15 days to the South Carolina State Board of Nursing by utilizing a complaint form located on the Web page at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/.



NCSBN Unveils New Nursys.com Web Site

with Enhanced Nurse Licensure Verification Tools



“We feel that online nurse licensure verification is extremely important, especially in the evolving and often mobile world of health care,” said Kathy Apple, MS, RN, CAE, NCSBN CEO. “Nursys.com contains data obtained directly from the licensure systems of the boards of nursing. This allows nurses and employers to verify licenses in a secure manner while boards of nursing continue to protect the public.”

Chicago - The National Council of State Boards of Nursing's (NCSBN) Nursys.com license verification Web site recently unveiled a new and improved verification process which makes nurse license verification quicker, easier and free of charge to employers and the general public.

The Licensure QuickConfirm application allows employers and the general public to verify licenses from a public access Nursys licensure participating board of nursing.* Within minutes, a detailed report is generated containing the nurse's name, jurisdiction, license type, license

number, license status, and expiration dates, as made available by the board of nursing for all licenses held, and any discipline against the license.

In addition, Nursys.com enables nurses to verify their licenses from a Nursys licensure participating board of nursing** when applying for endorsement into another state by using the online Nurse Licensure Verification application. Nurses can verify their licenses by completing the Nursys verification process for \$30 per license type, per each state board of nursing where the nurse is applying. The nurse's license verification is

available immediately to the endorsing board of nursing.

“We feel that online nurse licensure verification is extremely important, especially in the evolving and often mobile world of health care,” said Kathy Apple, MS, RN, CAE, NCSBN CEO. “Nursys.com contains data obtained directly from the licensure systems of the boards of nursing. This allows nurses and employers to verify licenses in a secure manner while boards of nursing continue to protect the public.”

For those states participating in the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC), which is a mutual recognition model of nurse

licensure that allows a nurse to have one license (in his or her state of residency) to practice in multiple states, Nursys.com can be used to verify a nurse's NLC status (multistate/single state) and any discipline against privilege to practice from an NLC state. A nurse must legally reside in an NLC state to be eligible for a multistate license in the NLC. An active, unencumbered, multistate license allows the nurse to practice in all 23 NLC*** jurisdictions. Questions about NLC eligibility and legal residency can be directed to the state's board of nursing. Currently, Nursys.com is the only verification tool available that provides the status of a multistate license's privilege to practice in NLC jurisdictions.

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**QuickConfirm Public Access Licensure Participating Boards of Nursing as of May 1, 2009:*

Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana - RN, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, West Virginia - PN, Wisconsin, Wyoming

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The Licensure QuickConfirm application allows employers and the general public to verify licenses from a public access Nursys-licensure-participating board of nursing.* Within minutes, a detailed report is generated containing the nurse's name, jurisdiction, license type, license number, license status, expiration dates, as made available by the board of nursing for all licenses held, and any discipline against the license.

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Virginia, Washington, West Virginia - PN, Wisconsin, Wyoming

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NCSBN AWARD CEREMONY TO HONOR OUTSTANDING NURSE REGULATORS

Chicago - The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) will recognize its dedicated and exceptional membership and guests at its annual awards ceremony during the NCSBN Delegate Assembly, to be held in Portland, Ore., Aug. 11 -13, 2010.

Specific award recipients include:

Ann L. O'Sullivan, Ph.D., MSN, CRNP, CPNP, FAAN, board president, Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing, will receive the Meritorious Service Award, which is presented to a board or staff member of a member board for positive impact and significant contributions to the purposes of NCSBN.

Cathy Giessel, MS, RN, ANP, FAANP, recent past board chair, Alaska Board of Nursing, will receive the Exceptional Leadership Award, which is bestowed to an individual who has served as president of a member board and has made significant contributions to NCSBN in that role.

Sue Tedford, MNsc, RN, CNS, APN, board staff, Arkansas State Board of Nursing, and **Valerie Smith, MS, RN, FRE**, board staff, Arizona State Board of Nursing, will each receive the Exceptional Contribution Award, which is given for significant contribution by a board of nursing staff member who does not serve as an executive officer or a board member who is not the current board president.

The Texas Board of Nursing will be

awarded the Regulatory Achievement Award that recognizes the member board that has made an identifiable, significant contribution to the purpose of NCSBN in promoting public policy related to the safe and effective practice of nursing in the interest of public welfare.

In addition, service awards will be given to the following executive officers of boards of nursing:

Five Years

Toaga Seumalo, MS, RN, executive secretary, American Samoa Health Services

Charlotte Beason, EdD, RN, NEA, executive director, Kentucky Board of Nursing

Rula Harb, MS, RN, executive director, Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing

Betsy Houchen, JD, MS, RN, executive director, Ohio Board of Nursing

10 Years

Barbara Zittel, Ph.D., RN, executive secretary, New York State Board of Nursing

Claire Glaviano, MN, RN, executive director, Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners

15 Years

Joey Ridenour, MN, RN, FAAN,

executive director, Arizona State Board of Nursing

Laura Rhodes, MSN, RN, executive director, West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses

Kathy Thomas, MN, RN, executive director, Texas Board of Nursing

25 Years

Libby Lund, MSN, RN, executive director, Tennessee State Board of Nursing

The following boards of nursing are celebrating 100 years of nursing regulation in 2010:

South Carolina State Board of Nursing
Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing

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When was the last time you went on the Board's Web site? The Board recommends that all nurses visit the Web site (www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/) at least monthly for up-to-date information on nursing licensure. When a new advisory opinion is issued or a current advisory opinion revised, it is updated on the Web site within two weeks of Board approval. The competency requirement, competency requirement criteria, licensure information, Advisory Opinions, Position Statements, and the Nurse Practice Act are just a few of the valuable tools and information you will find on the Web site.

The Advisory Opinions, Position Statements and the Nurse Practice Act are located under Laws/Policies. The competency requirement and competency requirement criteria, which includes continuing education contact hours, are located under Licensure.

The Board hopes you will find this information useful in your nursing practice.

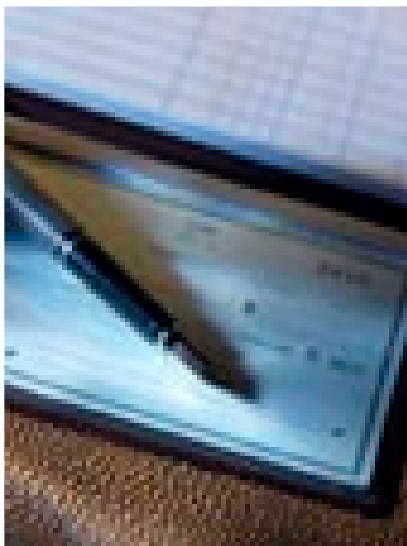
Disciplinary Actions

Disciplinary actions taken by the South Carolina State Board of Nursing are reported to the NURSYS national nursing database, which is maintained by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, and is the verification system utilized by the Board. Actions are also reported to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB), which is maintained by the federal government. Public disciplinary actions are also available for viewing on the Board of Nursing Web site under Disciplinary Actions. Below is a list of the final orders and consent agreements posted on the Web site during January through April 2010. Also listed are the voluntary surrenders received January through April 2010.

Bell Jr., Burnie L., RN	Kendall, Sharon, APRN	Sullivan, Julie Crystal, RN
Boston, Darlene C., RN	Kimberlin, Donna, LPN	Swygert, Joyce M., RN
Brannon, Kimberly, RN	Knotts, Myra Lynn, LPN	Taylor, Cassie Lee, RN
Campbell, Candi Kulczycke, RN	LaMothe, Theresa, RN	Tobias, Joseph M., RN
Capers, Chairty, LPN	Lane, Nancy, RN	Turner, Anthea Regina O., LPN
Clark, Sally Anne, RN	LaRosa, Lisa, RN	Waters Stacey R.
Collins, Julie, RN	Latham, Thomas, LPN	Waters, Lisa C., RN
Cooper, Jean, LPN	Lawrence, Meredith, RN	West, Jacqueline A., RN
Corso, Pamela, LPN	Lee, Bobbie Jo, LPN	White, Robert Harvey, RN
Darden, Adam Bruce, APRN	Leonard, Ryan S., RN	Wilson, Alice K., LPN
Davidson, Sydney, RN	Lienau, Janet, RN	Wooten, Haley M., RN
Doolittle, Freda, LPN	Loew, Kathleen Marie, RN	
Easterly, Jessica Nicole, LPN	Love, Billie, LPN	VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS
Farquhar, George W., APRN	Lowder, Kathryn, APRN	Carter, Debra A., RN
Files, Sharon M., RN	Lynch, Connie S., RN	Cooper, Lynne T., LPN
Firestone, Kevin S., RN	Macey, Suzan L., RN	Elliot, Susann, LPN
Fowler, Donna Jean, RN	Marsden, Sheri A., RN	Evans, Sherry Ann, LPN
Frentz, Mary E., RN	Mason, Julie Melton, LPN	Gardner, Jamie, RN
Friddle, Anthony Brent, RN	McClennen, Melanie A., RN	Guest, Nichole Jean, LPN
Frye, Amy, RN	McDougall, David J., RN	Head, Rebecca, LPN
Garland, Jeremy, RN	McGaha, Robin D., RN	Hunter, Sandra Lynn, LPN
Garrett, Julie, RN	McNeely, Gerald, RN	Huntzinger, Sheila Rae, RN
Gause, Pamela, LPN	Moore, Karen L., RN	Hutcheson, Carolyn April, RN
Gillespie, Loma Amanda, RN	Nielson, Laura P., RN	Johnston, Barry, RN
Gowler, Michelle, RN	Patterson, Denise Esther, LPN	McMahan, Sherry D., RN
Gozaloff, Barbara, RN	Pritchard, Mary E., RN	Minard, Doris Faye, RN
Hann, Patricia S., RN	Rapley, Latonya, LPN	Nay, Audrey J., LPN
Hill, Celestine, RN	Rawlinson, Aimee K., RN	Peterson, Jessica A., RN
Holivay, Candis Meredith, RN	Reavis, France E., RN	Rapp, Judy J., RN
Hulsey, Heidi E., LPN	Reynolds, Denise F., LPN	Sanders, Rosalinde, RN
Jenkins, Julianna Hopfinger, RN	Schmieder, Jane E., RN	Sherer III, Lawrence D., RN
Jennings, Laura W., RN	Settle, Peggy S., RN	Thackston, Carrie A., RN
Jimerson, Brenda, RN	Smith, Roy H., APRN	Turzai, Sharon G.
Johnson, April Riddle, LPN	Stacy, Kimberly Michelle, RN	Vanorsdale, Charlene Ruth, RN
Keasler, Marcia, RN	Storrs, Linda S., RN	



RETURNED CHECKS



When submitting any fees to the Board of Nursing, please be certain there are sufficient funds in your account to cover your check and that the check has cleared before closing any account. Section 40-1-50(G) of the South Carolina Code of Laws states that a license shall be suspended if a fee payment is made by a check that is subsequently returned by the financial institution unpaid and is not made good within 10 days of official notification. This suspension is exempt from the Administrative Procedures Act. Unpaid checks constitute a non-payment of license fees. Section 40-33-38 (C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws (Nurse Practice Act) requires that all licensees notify the Board in writing within 15 days of any address change. When a check is returned, replacement funds plus the returned check fee allowed by law will be charged.

WITNESSING NARCOTIC WASTAGE

Recently, the South Carolina State Board of Nursing has been receiving multiple complaints regarding the wastage of narcotics. Nurses are signing the narcotic sheet indicating that they have actually witnessed the disposal of a narcotic, when in fact the nurse never observed the wastage occur.

This unwitnessed wastage is a violation of the Nurse Practice Act, the Pharmacy Act and a Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) regulation. It is very important and mandated for the nurse to actually observe the wastage. If the observation does not take place, the following scenarios could occur:

- The nurse that witnessed the wastage could be cited with falsification of records, which would include a public reprimand and a civil penalty.
 - The nurse that asked the nurse to witness the wastage at another time than the actual time the medication was not needed could be required to have an evaluation done for possible drug diversion in collaboration with the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) practice.
 - An investigation related to drug diversion would be initiated if this practice occurs.
 - DHEC could possibly arrest the nurse that did not obtain a witness according to policy if there is enough evidence to support drug diversion.
 - Facilities could be cited for failure to properly secure narcotics.
- Therefore, the Board of Nursing cautions you to maintain the following practices as related to administration and wasting of narcotics:*
- Obtain a witness immediately for wastage.
 - Dispose of the unused narcotics immediately.
 - Never share narcotics.
 - Never save a portion of the narcotic for later.
 - Document immediately and accurately.
 - It is your responsibility to report any deviations from the normal standard of practice, including issues related to narcotics, to the South Carolina State Board of Nursing.

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